

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A fishing line release device, operable in conjunction with a fishing reel containing said fishing line, said fishing line release device comprising:

(a) two fingers arranged for holding said fishing line when in a closed position, and to rotate together in said closed position at least one of said finger<sup>LAB</sup> (3) being metallic; and,

(b) means for opening said fingers to release said fishing line when tension is applied to said fishing line, said means for opening comprising at least one ~~permanent~~ stationary magnet to draw said metallic finger to said ~~permanent~~ stationary magnet, and a stop to separate said fingers.

2. (As originally submitted) The fishing line release device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said means for opening comprise a rotating structure for moving said fingers.

3. (As originally submitted) The fishing line release device as claimed in claim 2 wherein said means for opening further comprise a spring bias means which moves said rotating structure.

Claim 4 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 5 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 6 (Previously cancelled)

7. (Previously amended) The fishing line release device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stationary magnet is positioned to attract a closer one of said fingers.

8. (As originally submitted) The fishing line release device of claim 1, fishing line release device is attached to a fishing rod mounting said fishing reel.

9. (Previously amended) The fishing line release device of claim 1, further comprising a fish bite alarm triggered when said fishing line is released.

Claim 10 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 11 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 12 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 14 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 15 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 16 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 17 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 18 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 19 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 21 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 22 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 23 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 24 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 25 (Previously cancelled)